

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2014

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 at 7PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisor Scee explained that this hearing is for any public comment on the proposed 2014 Town of Hounsfield Comprehensive Plan. There were no comments and this hearing was declared closed.

In regard to the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on 5/14/14, Supervisor Scee asked about the motion to have the Highway Superintendent get three quotes on each mower to be purchased. Supervisor Scee thought that the motion was to purchase after getting three quotes. The Town Clerk was asked and she replied that it had been discussed to purchase the mowers but the purchase was not mentioned in the motion. The Clerk to the Supervisor suggested that the Board approve the minutes as they are written and then vote to purchase the mowers.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting dated 5/14/14. C'man Farrington abstained because he was absent, all other members voted aye, and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to ratify the purchase of a zero turn mower for \$7,772 and a deck mower for \$2,685.96. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for the month of May: Total receipts \$154,228.47, Total disbursements \$211,625.18, Total in checking account \$272,196.78, and Total investments \$700,000.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the Supervisor's Report as read. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay the bills in Abstract #6, vouchers #335 to 391: General Fund A \$31,849.09, General Fund B \$501.06, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,758, Highway Fund A \$21,164.59, Highway Fund B \$7,602.25, Water Dist. 2 \$2,808.30, Water Dist. 5 \$1,651.15, Water Dist. 1 \$146.87, Water Dist. 4 \$118.65, Water Dist. 3 \$3,724.71, Abstract Total \$71,324.67. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilman Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting. He also brought up the topic of switching out the Water Dept. pickup truck. The Water Operator had fleet bids on 2014 trucks from different dealers. A discussion was held on switching out the Highway Superintendent's pickup also or purchasing new for Superintendent and keeping the last truck purchased in fleet for a few more years. Information will be obtained to trade in this truck also.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to trade in the 2012 Water Dept. pickup truck for a new pickup truck for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from the water

district funds, keeping the plow and utility box. All voted aye and the motion was carried.
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Councilman Young reported that he attended an Economic Development Committee meeting and a Hay Memorial Library Board meeting.

Councilman Farrington reported that he met with the Town Justices to discuss the possibility of moving the court to the Highway building or merging court with a nearby Town as a cost saving measure.

Councilman Lennox reported that he attended the Recreation Commission Committee meeting. He announced the summer recreation councilor positions will go to Ruth Mintz, Jena Fields, Luke Townsend, Morgan Stevens, and Lucas Williamson. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox to confirm these names for summer rec. councilors. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lennox also reported that he attended the Water Committee Meeting.

Warren Allen of the Friends of Muskalonge Cemetery group was present to give a short report of what the group has done at the cemetery.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for May 2014 and he reported to the Board that dumping of unacceptable items at the recycling center and the landfill is getting out of control. A discussion was held on what steps could be taken to correct this problem.

The Highway Superintendent reported that a bigger trailer is needed to transport the new lawnmowers and a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the purchase of a 2014 PJ utility trailer, 83" X 18' for \$2,520. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion on the change in the CHIPS funding (for highways) was held.

A discussion was held about the Incredouble Man Triathlon event that is scheduled for September. A meeting is scheduled for June 26th with the organizer but he has yet to ask for approval from the Village or Town Boards to hold the event.

Attorney David Renzi was present and read the environmental SEQR for the Town of Hounsfield Comprehensive Plan and the Board agreed that there is no impact on land or the environment and a Negative Declaration was issued.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for Resolution #14-9, to adopt the 2014 Town of Hounsfield Comprehensive Plan. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Attorney Renzi had a discussion with the Board on a Resolution # 14-10 for changing billing dates and due dates in the Water Law and a motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox to table this resolution for one month. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The floor was opened to public comment and there were comments on the new billing dates for water bills, the Highway Department did an excellent job picking up brush this spring, and a suggestion that the Town needs a law to keep trash out of the recycling center and Town landfill.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay an extra \$26.88 over the approved \$3,600 for computers for Town offices. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee had an update on the law suite brought on the Town by the former Town Attorney.

Supervisor Scee reported that he was contacted by the Knobby Knoll Association and they invited Town representatives to their annual meeting on July 5th at 11AM to discuss issues concerning proposed water district 6. Supervisor Scee asked that Jeff Kenney, Water Operator, C'man Lee and one of the engineering team for district 6 attend this meeting.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox to move the July Town Board meeting to July 16, 2014. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:30 PM and the meeting was adjourned at that time.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk